

REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Boardroom

February 7, 2023

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Mayor Scott Byrd
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Board Minutes from January 18, 2022 – Mayor Byrd
4. Proclamation Naming February African American History Month- Mayor Byrd
5. Update on Community Family Enrichment Center- Dr Patricia Wright
6. Consideration of 2023 Slurry Seal Bids – Gary Brinkley
7. City Manager's Report – Gary Brinkley
8. Routine Business – Mayor Byrd
9. Adjournment – Mayor Byrd

Regular Meeting: Citizens speaking to the Board of Directors shall have a speaking time limit of **10 minutes**. The Board of Directors may ask follow up questions which may extend the time limit.

Open Session Forum: Speaking time limit is **5 minutes** a speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board Room

January 17, 2023

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Taylor Chaney, *Ward 1 Director*
Chris Porter, *Ward 2 Director (Absent)*
Keith Crews, *Ward 3 Director*
Reo Cummings, *Ward 4 Director*
Jason Jones, *Ward 5 Director*
Roland Gosey, *Assistant Mayor*
Scott Byrd, *Mayor*

OTHERS:

Gary Brinkley, *City Manager*
Lainie Thomason, *Acting City Clerk*

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Mayor announced a quorum was present.

The Mayor announced Lainie Thomason as the Acting City Clerk.

INVOCATION

Director Cummings

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2022

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Gosey, seconded by Director Chaney to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022, Board Meeting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

Taylor Chaney	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Absent"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Annual Contract with the Chamber of Commerce was presented to the Board. The Contract for Services is an annual one commencing January 1, 2023. Language and terms consistent with previous years and funds appropriated in the approved 2023 Budget. The annual cost is \$35,000.00.

A motion was made by Director Crews, seconded by Director Cummings to approve the Annual Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for \$35,000.00 to be paid evenly on a monthly basis.

The motion passed on a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

Taylor Chaney	"Aye"	Roland Gosey	"Aye"
Chris Porter	"Absent"	Jason Jones	"Aye"
Reo Cummings	"Aye"	Mayor Byrd	"Aye"
Keith Crews	"Aye"		

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

January 17, 2023

- Today we had the pleasure to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Peake Elementary School. What an exciting time for our school district and the future students of Arkadelphia. Wonderful to see the past and future come together on such an historic occasion for our community.
- We have begun to seek a path to address the failed construction project on Feaster Trail. We will be aggressively seeking a resolution to this project.
- The administrative staff was able to attend the Arkansas Municipal League Fall Conference this past week. We received the a Trendsetter award for the "Cop Walk" program between the school district and our police department. Congratulations to Chief Jackson and his team. We also received diplomas for 5 staff members who were accredited as Certified Municipal Official having completed the course work or continuing education the past year.
- Construction of the Airport Terminal Building is substantially complete. We are in the process of ordering furniture and look forward to a ribbon cutting ceremony in February. Date contingent upon furniture's arrival.
- The Caddo/27th drainage project is nearing substantial completion with the asphalt work last week. This project has been plagued with setbacks from the onset but will function well for us going forward.
- If you are interested in playing Pickleball, please contact the Rec Center as they are trying to form leagues and your participation would be welcomed. Rec Centers phone number is 870.246.5499.
- The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet originally scheduled for February 16th has been postponed at this time. This is understandable with all the changes in staffing at the Chamber & Alliance.

Dates to Remember:

- The ceremony for the first 12 African-Americans to be recognized during Black History Month in Arkadelphia will take place in Town Hall on February 1st at 10:00 AM. Please plan to attend and help us celebrate these honorees.

- March 8, the Alliance will host the Legislative Appreciation Reception at ASU System Offices.

Taylor Chaney, Ward 1 – He asked for an update on the Martin Luther King Jr. Park finances.

Chris Porter, Ward 2 – Absent.

Keith Crews, Ward 3 – Nothing.

Reo Cummings, Ward 4 – Nothing.

Jason Jones, Ward 5 – Nothing.

Roland Gosey, Assistant Mayor – He asked for an update on the condemnation of three properties, Logan St., Clark St., Clinton St.

Scott Byrd, Mayor – He asked if Arkadelphia would be affected by the hazard materials spill in Malvern.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Assistant Mayor Gosey made the motion, seconded by Director Jones to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.**

Scott Byrd, Mayor

Lainie Thomason, Acting City Clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Debbie Francis
Stan Elrod
Quantel Williams
Lisa Speer
Jason Jackson
Dr. Lewis A. Shepherd Jr.

PROCLAMATION

CITY OF ARKADELPHIA

PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 TO BE KNOWN AS
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS.

BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF
ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS: Throughout February 2023, we celebrate Black History Month, and;

WHEREAS: We celebrate the success of African-American people who helped shape
the American landscape and specifically Arkadelphia through the lens of
religion, food, education, economics, music, sports, and arts, and;

WHEREAS: In 2023 the city acknowledges these successes and celebrates African-
Americans from Arkadelphia by displaying new banners in our downtown
area celebrating the inaugural class of Black History Month honorees and
hosting a celebration of their acknowledgment on February 6th ceremony.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED:

FEBRUARY 2023 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

In witness, I have set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed on this date February 7, 2023.


MAYOR: _____
Scott Byrd, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Samantha Roybal, City Clerk





MEMORANDUM

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager 
Date: February 3, 2023
Re: Community Family Enrichment Center Update

Dr. Patricia Wright will be here to update the Board of their 2022 activities and look forward to 2023.

Thank you.



MEMORANDUM

To: Arkadelphia Board of Directors
CC: Ed McCorkle, City Attorney
From: Gary Brinkley, City Manager
Date: February 3, 2023
Re: 2023 Slurry Seal Bids

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Brinkley', is written over the 'From:' line of the memorandum.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 am on February 7th for the 2023 slurry seal program.

Staff will review the bids, tabulate the results and provide recommendation for your considerations at the Board meeting.

Thank you.